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N. Korea ups its missile threat

Launch called most powerful weapon yet, with D.C. in range; Trump: 'We will take care of it'

By Anna Fifield
Washington Post

TOKYO — North Korea claimed the entire United States mainland was within reach after “successfully” testing a new kind of inter-continental ballistic missile, which it called the Hwasong-15, and said could carry a “super large heavy

warhead.”

While Pyongyang is prone to exaggeration, its boast of having all of the United States in range is in line with experts’ calculations that the missile launched Wednesday, which flew 10 times higher than the International Space Station, could theoretically reach Washington, D.C.

“With this system, we can load the heaviest warhead and strike anywhere in the mainland United States,” North Korea’s most famous newsreader, Ri Chun Hee, said in a special live broadcast on state television. “This missile is far more technologically advanced than July’s Hwasong-14. This signifies that our rocket development

process has been completed.”

Kim Jong Un, the North Korean leader, had personally authorized the launch, Ri said, a photo of Kim at his desk and the handwritten order appearing on the screen.

Wednesday’s launch, the first in more than two months, is a clear

NORTH KOREA, 10A

St. Anthony OKs \$675K settlement to Reynolds



Diamond Reynolds was in the car with boyfriend Philando Castile and her daughter when he was fatally shot by a police officer.

By Tad Vezner and Nick Woltman
Pioneer Press

The city of St. Anthony has agreed to a second legal settlement over the fatal shooting of Philando Castile by one of its police officers. And this time, with its insurance coverage all but used up, any settlement would largely come from city coffers.

The St. Anthony City Council on Tuesday night voted to pay \$675,000 to settle legal claims brought by Castile’s girlfriend, Diamond Reynolds, and her daughter. The pair was in the car with Castile when he was shot to death during a traffic stop by then-St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez on July 6, 2016.

Before the unanimous vote to approve the settlement, Mayor Jerry Faust said he hoped it would “open the door to continued healing in our community.”

“If we don’t approve this and we go ahead with litigation, it would just reopen the whole case again and bring heartache to everyone involved,” Faust said. “It is best to settle.”

The council’s resolution approving the settlement said, in part,

REYNOLDS SETTLEMENT, 9A

St. Paul sounds warning on caves



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Kyle Baarstad of Semple Excavating seals off a cave at Crosby Farm Regional Park in St. Paul on Tuesday, after eight teenagers were removed from the cave by firefighters. Baarstad said it was his third time sealing the cave entrance. “These caves are unsafe,” said Assistant Fire Chief Mike Gaede. “They’re not a playground. They’re not to be messed with.”

After eight teens removed Tuesday, fire official cautions that entering the city’s caves is illegal, dangerous and can be deadly

By Mara H. Gottfried
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After firefighters had to descend into a St. Paul cave Tuesday to bring eight teenagers to safety, they sounded the alarm again: It is illegal to enter the city’s caves and dangers abound.

No one was injured in Crosby Farm Regional Park on Tuesday morning, though young people have died in the city’s caves in years past. Tuesday marked the

second time in less than two weeks that firefighters have responded to teens in St. Paul caves.

“These caves are unsafe,” said Assistant Fire Chief Mike Gaede. “They’re not a playground. They’re not to be messed with. We’ve had fatalities in these caves in St. Paul, and we’re trying to do everything we can to get the word out that these are not a safe area to be.”

At about 10:15 a.m. Tuesday,

ST. PAUL CAVES, 10A

St. Paul Public Works employees were doing routine repair work on a storm drain when they saw young people with backpacks on a steep bluff near Watergate Marina. The group descended into an opening in the cliff, which is below Shepard Road.

“(The workers) yelled at them, saw the last two kind of shimmy down and yelled, ‘Hey, you need to get out of there!’ ” Gaede said.



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President Donald Trump walks with Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., left, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., as he arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday.

Trump and Democrats start negotiations via Twitter

Government shutdown standoff is looming

By Ed O’Keefe and Sean Sullivan
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and top lawmakers Tuesday failed to craft the outlines of a spending agreement as Democrats backed out of a planned meeting at the White House amid growing acrimony over a slate of year-end legislative priorities, with a potential government shutdown looming over the

negotiations.

The impasse all but ensures another holiday-season standoff over legislation designed to keep the government open and that also is expected to settle complex issues regarding immigration and health care.

Failure to act in the coming days could bring a partial shutdown of government operations, jeopardizing

BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS, 9A

Militant convicted in Benghazi attacks

Khatallah acquitted on murder charges

By Joseph Tanfani
Tribune News Services

WASHINGTON — A federal jury convicted a Libyan militia leader of several terrorism-related charges on Tuesday but acquitted him of all murder charges in the 2012 attacks that killed four Americans in Benghazi, a partial success for U.S. efforts to prosecute accused terrorists in civilian courts.

Ahmed Abu Khatallah was found not guilty of murder in the armed attacks on a U.S. diplomatic mission and nearby CIA station that killed the U.S. ambassador to Libya, J. Christopher Stevens, and three other Americans.

Republican critics long charged that Hillary Clinton, then secretary of state, had failed to provide adequate security for the mission, had ignored warnings of likely violence, and failed to respond swiftly to the coordinated assault.

Multiple congressional and State Department investigations found the charges untrue, but Benghazi

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